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Multiported register files are a critical component of high-performance superscalar microprocessors. Conventional multiported structures can consume significant power and die area. We examine the designs of banked multiported register files that employ multiple interleaved banks of fewer ported register cells to reduce power and area. Banked register file designs have been shown to provide sufficient bandwidth for a superscalar machine, but previous designs have used complex control structures that w ...

 2 [Superscalar microarchitecture: Register write specialization register read specialization: a path to compact and effective wide-issue superscalar processors](#)

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With the continuous shrinking of transistor size, processor designers are facing new difficulties to achieve high frequency. The register file read time, the wake up and selection logic traversal delay and the bypass network delay with also their respective power consumptions constitute major difficulties for the design of wide issue superscalar processors. In this paper, we show that transgressing a rule, that has so far been applied in the design of all superscalar processors, ...

 3 [The white dwarf: a high-performance application-specific processor](#)

A. Wolfe, M. Breternitz, C. Stephens, A. L. Ting, D. B. Kirk, R. P. Bianchini, J. P. Shen

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This paper presents the design and implementation of a high-performance special-purpose processor, called T Dwarf, for accelerating finite element analysis algorithms. The White Dwarf CPU contains two Am29325 32-bit point processors and one Am29332 32-bit ALU, and employs a wide-instruction word architecture in which the algorithm is directly implemented in microcode. The entire system is VME-bus compatible and interfaces with host. The system ...

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6 [Superscalar architectures: Reducing the complexity of the register file in dynamic superscalar processors](#)

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Dynamic superscalar processors execute multiple instructions out-of-order by looking for independent operations in a large window. The number of physical registers within the processor has a direct impact on the size of this window. In-flight instructions require a new physical register at dispatch. A large multi-ported register file helps improve instruction-level parallelism (ILP), but may have a detrimental effect on clock speed, especially in future wire-based technologies. ...

7 [Dynamic dead-instruction detection and elimination](#)

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We observe a non-negligible fraction--3 to 16% in our benchmarks--of *dynamically dead instructions*, dynamically dead instructions that generate unused results. The majority of these instructions arise from static instructions that generate useful results. We find that compiler optimization (specifically instruction scheduling) creates a significant portion of *partially dead* static instructions. We show that most of the dynamically dead instructions arise from a small set of

8 [MOVE: a framework for high-performance processor design](#)

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10 [Microprocessor architecture: A scalable wide-issue clustered VLIW with a reconfigurable interconnect](#)

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Clustered VLIW architectures have been widely adopted in modern embedded multimedia applications for the exploit high degrees of ILP with reasonable trade-off in complexity and silicon costs. Studies have however shown performance scaling for wide-issue machines. In this paper we describe the architecture of a clustered VLIW with runtime reconfigurable inter-cluster bus suitable to address such scalability problem. The architecture is aimed at loops acceleration through ...

Keywords: IDCT, clustered VLIW, modulo scheduling, reconfigurable co-processor (RCP)

11 Processor microarchitecture II: Reducing register ports using delayed write-back queues and operand

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In high-performance wide-issue microprocessors the access time, energy and area of the register file are often overall performance. This is because these parameters grow superlinearly as read and write ports are added wide-issue. This paper presents techniques to reduce the number of ports of a register file intended for a wide microprocessor without noticeably impacting its IPC. Our results show that it is possible to replace the 16 read file of an eig ...


Keywords: instruction level parallelism, low power, out-of-order processor, register file, write queue

12 Register file and memory system design: Reducing register ports for higher speed and lower energy

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The key issues for register file design in high-performance processors are access time and energy. While previous has focused on reducing the number of registers, we propose to reduce the number of register ports through proposals, one for reads and the other for writes. For reads, we propose bypass hint to reduce register port reads by avoiding unnecessary register file reads for cases where values are bypassed. Current processors are unable to handle these unnecessary reads due ...

13 A flexible datapath allocation method for architectural synthesis

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We present a robust datapath allocation method that is flexible enough to handle constraints imposed by a variety of target architectures. Key features of this method are its ability to handle accurate modeling of datapath units and simultaneous optimization of direct objective functions. The proposed method consists of a new binding mode construction scheme and an optimization technique based on simulated annealing. To illustrate the flexibility of the method, two datapath allocation ...

Keywords: allocation and binding, high-level synthesis

14 Register file port requirements of transport triggered architectures

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Exploitation of large amounts of instruction level parallelism requires a large amount of connectivity between register file and the function units; this connectivity is expensive and increases the cycle time. This paper shows a new class of transport triggered architectures requires fewer ports on the shared register file than traditional transport triggered architectures. This is achieved by programming data-transports instead of operations. Experiments ...

15 Register file and memory system design: Dynamic addressing memory arrays with physical locality

Steven Hsu, Shih-Lien Lu, Shih-Chang Lai, Ram Krishnamurthy, Konrad Lai

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As pipeline width and depth grow to improve performance, memory arrays in microprocessors are growing in ports. Arrays will increase in physical size, which prolongs the access time due to wiring delay. In order to boost frequency, these memory arrays must take multiple cycles to complete an access. This delays the scheduling instructions and affects overall performance. This paper proposes a different circuit organization to enable fast accesses solely de ...

16 Efficient checker processor design

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17 Low-power: Low-complexity reorder buffer architecture

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In some of today's superscalar processors (e.g. the Pentium III), the result repositories are implemented as the Buffer (ROB) slots. In such designs, the ROB is a complex multi-ported structure that occupies a significant portion of the die area and dissipates a non-trivial fraction of the total chip power, as much as 27% according to some estimates. In addition, an access to such ROB typically takes more than one cycle, impacting the IPC adversely. We propose a low-complexity and low-power ...

Keywords: low-complexity datapath, low-power design, reorder buffer

18 Performance comparison of ILP machines with cycle time evaluation

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Many studies have investigated performance improvement through exploiting instruction-level parallelism (ILP) in particular architecture. Unfortunately, these studies indicate performance improvement using the number of cycles required to execute a program, but do not quantitatively estimate the penalty imposed on the cycle time of the architecture. Since the performance of a microprocessor must be measured by its execution time, a cycle time is required as well as a cycle ...

19 Processor coupling: integrating compile time and runtime scheduling for parallelism

Stephem W. Keckler, William J. Dally

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The technology to implement a single-chip node composed of 4 high-performance floating-point ALUs will be available in 1995. This paper presents processor coupling, a mechanism for controlling multiple ALUs to exploit both intra-thread and inter-thread parallelism, by using compile time and runtime scheduling. The compiler statically schedules threads to discover available intra-thread instruction-level parallelism. The runtime scheduling mechanism interleaves threads, exploiting ...

20 Effective cluster assignment for modulo scheduling

Erik Nystrom, Alexandre E. Eichenberger

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